MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The suggestion for the amendment of the rule was made on the 30th November 1932 along with the recommendation about Mr. Joseph.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Was there any justification for amending that rule with regard to forty years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Equity and fairness.

Statement by caste of the officers in the Secretariat.

59. ***MR. K. SANKARAN** (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a caste-war statement of the number of officers (including acting clerks) in the Huzur Secretariat?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The statement is given below.

			No.
Hindus.			
1	Brahmin (Malayala)	...	1
2	Do. (others)	...	58
3	Ezhava	...	13
4	Kammala	...	2
5	Kshatriya	...	6
6	Nadar	...	1
7	Nair	...	63
8	Pulaya	...	...
9	Vellala	...	21
10	Other Depressed classes	...	5
11	Other Hindus	...	6
	Mussalman	...	9
Christians			
1	Protestant	...	7
2	Roman Catholic		
	(*a*) Latin rite	...	2
	(*b*) Syriac rite	...	5
3	Syrians		
	(*a*) Jacobite	...	12
	(*b*) Mar Thoma	...	7
4	Church of England	...	3
5	Depressed classes	...	1
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The Muttathu Kayal-Pozhichal canal.

60. ***MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken so far in connection with the Muttathu Kayal—Pozhichal canal cutting the Aroor road near the 16th mile?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that the people are willing to surrender the sites free?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The P. W. D. has prepared an estimate amounting to Rs. 48,100 for the work. But petitions have been received objecting to the construction of the canal on the ground that the canal will let in brine water and prove injurious to cultivation. The objections are being considered.

(*b*) Yes. Some of them.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the member in which year the estimate was called for?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I think it was in 1104.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Have not the land owners of the locality given a written agreement expressing their willingness to surrender the site free of compensation?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that. Some of them have.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Have not all owners done so?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Have not the owners of all the lands required for the proposed canal expressed their willingness?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Was a local enquiry conducted?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): About what?

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): About the location of the site through the revenue officers.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The P. W. D. has conducted an investigation.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Was a local enquiry conducted through the revenue officers?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes, the Revenue Department investigated the matter.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): When was it?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I have no information about it. There is a report that all of them have not agreed.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Do the Government agree to go on with the work?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes, when funds permit.

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English School Leaving Certificate Examination.

61*. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose instituting this year (1933) a September Examination for the English School Leaving Certificate Examination candidates and, if so, what steps they have taken so far ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : It is proposed to hold a special examination early in October and necessary arrangements for the conduct of the examination are being made.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know whether the supplementary examination is a permanent arrangement ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : It is only a special examination for this year.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know from the member what Government intend doing in the case of those candidates who fail in this examination ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): They will have another examination in March 1934 on the old scheme; and if the number of failures after that is very large, the matter may be considered.

PRESIDENT : The question time is over. The remaining questions will be taken up to-morrow.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—(*contd.*)

DEMAND V—EDUCATION.

The House was discussing Mr. Asan's motion number 111.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : Sir, in regard to Mr. Asan's motion before the House, I would like to make some observations. More than 75 per cent. of the school-going population are being instructed at present through private agencies. Now the question of directing this vast body is a huge problem and the departmental authorities should spare no pains in co-operating with the public and affording all possible facilities for the promotion of education through private agencies. It is certainly gratifying to note that the public of Travancore have taken upon their shoulders more than three-fourths of the burden of the task of education. In connection with the motion, though the mover has not stressed it as a point in support of his proposition, in the course of the discussion that followed, the question of restrictions to be placed on the managers of private institutions or instructions to be given to them by the departmental authorities cropped up as an incidental issue. At present, in the State there are about 1,073 departmental institutions, 2,442 aided institutions and 246 unaided institutions. Thus 2,688 institutions are under private management. With regard to the question of the Department making

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